

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

COURTHOUSE NEWS SERVICE,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOAN M. GILMER, in her official capacity
as Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Louis
County, Missouri; and **KATHY S. LLOYD**, in
her official capacity as State Courts
Administrator for the Missouri Office of State
Courts Administrator,

Defendants.

Case No: 21-cv-00286-HEA

**PLAINTIFF COURTHOUSE NEWS SERVICE'S MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

Plaintiff Courthouse News Service hereby moves this Court for a preliminary injunction against Defendants Joan M. Gilmer, in her official capacity as Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri ("Clerk"), and Kathy S. Lloyd, in her official capacity as State Courts Administrator for the Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator ("Administrator"), together with the Clerk's and Administrator's offices and their respective agents, successors, employees, and others under their control, prohibiting them preliminarily, during the pendency of this action, from refusing to make newly-filed nonconfidential civil petitions available to the public and press

until after such petitions are processed or accepted, and further directing them to make such petitions accessible to the press and public in a contemporaneous manner upon receipt.

This motion is based on the Complaint filed by Courthouse News on March 5, 2021 (Dkt. 1), the supporting memorandum of law filed contemporaneously herewith, the declarations of William Girdner and Joseph Harris accompanying same, and all other papers and evidence filed in support of this motion.

Date: April 5, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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